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REMARKS

After the foregoing amendment only claims 4 and 10, which have been rewritten in independent form, remain pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 4 and 10 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have done so. Therefore, claims 4 and 10 are allowable.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 is rendered moot by the cancellation of all claims other than claims 4 and 10.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve the issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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